

Central New England

Fishery Resources Office

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Purpose

The Central New England Fishery Resources Office was established to coordinate and implement cooperative interjurisdictional fish and aquatic resource restoration and recovery programs in the Merrimack River and Central New England watersheds.

Public Use Notes

- Education programs
- Adopt-A-Salmon Family program
- Co-located at the Nashua National Fish Hatchery
- Hatchery tours
- Nature trails
- Volunteer opportunities

Management Activities

- Develop and implement interjurisdictional fish and aquatic resource restoration and recovery programs in central New England.
- Manage river herring and American shad restoration programs in New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Maine coastal rivers, including the Merrimack River.

- Assist in the production and release of three million Atlantic salmon throughout the Merrimack River in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, in coastal watersheds in New Hampshire, and in the Pawcatuck/Wood rivers in Rhode Island.
- Conduct fish stock assessments in central New England watersheds, including the Merrimack River in New Hampshire and Massachusetts.
- Provide fisheries management and evaluation assistance to the National Fish Hatchery System.
- Participate and coordinate in management initiatives involving

state fishery resource agencies and regional and local watershed associations.



American eel

Duane Raver/USFWS

Highlights

River herring, American shad, Atlantic salmon, American eel and striped bass restoration initiatives in central New England watersheds

Aquatic and fishery resource evaluations on Service and tribal lands and Department of Defense facilities

The Adopt-a-Salmon Family program, a New England-based watershed education program in middle schools in central New England

Public support and healthy watersheds for sustainable fisheries

Interjurisdictional fish habitat restoration initiatives involving dam removal, fishway construction and maintenance, and aquatic habitat improvements

Issues

Depressed populations of river herring, American shad, American eels and Atlantic salmon

Inadequate fish passage in coastal watersheds and the Merrimack River watershed

Facility renovation required for American shad, Atlantic salmon and other migratory fish

Restoration of aquatic habitat for migratory fish and aquatic resources

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